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- 25X1X 1. The Mycological Association was organized in 1918 as a private, non-governmental society; it received no public funds until 1938 when it was granted 50,000 Kcs from the Ministry of School Affairs. The Association had two aims: the stimulation of scientific research on macro and micro-fungi, and the popularization of mycological activities through meetings and publications. The Mycological Association had offices at Karmelitska Ulice 14, Prague III, telephone 67380. The Association published a monthly journal "Acta Mycologica".
2. After the Communist coup in 1948, the Mycological Association was no longer permitted to exist as an independent organization, but, together with similar organizations, ~~be~~, tree and plant study groups, was reorganized into a branch of the Czech Academy of Sciences which, of course, was government controlled. The members remained active in their particular fields, but they had to join the Academy of Sciences provided, of course, that they received an invitation to join the Academy, an "honor" not offered to everyone.
- X1X 3. [ ] Dr Smotlacha, formerly chairman of the Mycological Association, no longer takes an active part in mycological affairs, and [ ]

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he had resisted the pressure put upon him to join the Academy of Sciences. Another former member of the association, Dr Necasek, was employed at the penicillin factory located on the west bank of the Vltava River between Pudbaba and Roztoky, [redacted]

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4. One item of information publicized by the Mycological Association (I don't remember when) was that there were 16 poisonous varieties of mushrooms in Czechoslovakia.

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